

Amendments to the Drawings:

Attached is one replacement sheet for Figure 2. Herein, Figure 2 has been corrected to add the missing labels "no" and "yes" to lines connected to element 240. No new matter was added.

Attachment: One Replacement Sheet for Figure 2.

REMARKS

Claims 1-22 were previously pending in this patent application. Claims 1-22 stand rejected. Herein, Claims 1, 4, 8, 11, and 15-17 have been amended. Support for the amendments to the claims is found on, but not limited to, Figures 2-3C, and pages 6-9 of the Specification. Accordingly, after this Amendment and Response After Final Action, Claims 1-22 remain pending in this patent application. Further examination and reconsideration in view of the claims, remarks, and arguments set forth below is respectfully requested.

DRAWINGS

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35 U.S.C. Section 112, First and Second Paragraphs, Rejections

Claims 1-22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 112, First and Second Paragraphs. The phrase "the creation of the particular shared and there on after the creation" is found at page 2 of the Final Office Action and presented as the basis for the rejections under 35 U.S.C. Section 112, First and Second Paragraphs.

Herein, Independent Claims 1, 8, and 15 have been amended to delete "creating" and "creation" and to add "installing" and "installation". These claim amendments are supported by Figure 2 and page 6 lines 1-21 of the

Specification. Therefore, Claims 1-22 overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. Section 112, First and Second Paragraphs.

35 U.S.C. Section 102(b) Rejections

Claims 1-22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Lord et al., U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US2003/0028514 (hereafter Lord). These rejections are respectfully traversed.

It is respectfully asserted that Lord does not disclose all the claim limitations of Independent Claim 1. In particular, Independent Claim 1 recites the limitation, “performing said file system operation in an alternate directory corresponding to said node...wherein said performing said file system operation in said alternate directory includes: associating a pointer with said particular shared object; and using said pointer to point to a table having alternate directory information for each node,” (emphasis added). In contrast, paragraph [0140] of Lord discloses a “table of contents of the information in the bag is included in each manifest,” in the context of recovery from failure, where the manifests are created for each server on the failed node(s). No other paragraph of Lord discloses a “table”. That is Lord fails to disclose using the pointer to point to a table having alternate directory information for each node, as in Independent Claim 1. Although paragraph [0135] of Lord is cited at page 6 of the Final Office Action as disclosing using the pointer to point to a table having alternate directory information for each node, paragraph [0135] of Lord does not describe a table having alternate directory information for each node and does not describe using the pointer to point to the table, as in Independent Claim 1.

As discussed above, Lord does not disclose all the claim limitations of Independent Claim 1. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that Independent Claim 1 is not anticipated by Lord and is in condition for allowance.

Dependent Claims 2-7 are dependent on allowable Independent Claim 1, which is allowable over Lord. Hence, it is respectfully submitted that Dependent Claims 2-7 are patentable over Lord for the reasons discussed above.

With respect to Independent Claims 8 and 15, it is respectfully submitted that Independent Claims 8 and 15 have similar limitations as Independent Claim 1. Independent Claim 8 recites the claim limitation, "performing said file system operation in an alternate directory corresponding to said node...wherein said performing said file system operation in said alternate directory includes: associating a pointer with said particular shared object; and using said pointer to point to a table having alternate directory information for each node," (emphasis added).

Further, Independent Claim 15 recites the limitation, "a cluster file system...wherein when one of said nodes causes a file system operation that is node-specific to be performed by accessing said shared object, said cluster file system performs said file system operation in an alternate directory corresponding to said node, wherein said cluster file system associates a pointer with said shared object, wherein said cluster file system uses said pointer to point to a table having alternate directory information for each node," (emphasis added). As argued above, Lord fails to disclose the cited claim limitations of Independent Claims 8 and 15. Hence, it is respectfully submitted that

Independent Claims 8 and 15 are not anticipated by Lord for the reasons discussed with respect to Independent Claim 1.

Dependent Claims 9-14 and Dependent Claims 16-22 are dependent on allowable Independent Claims 8 and 15, respectfully, which are allowable over Lord. Hence, it is respectfully submitted that Dependent Claims 9-14 and Dependent Claims 16-22 are not anticipated by Lord and are in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed above.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that the above claims, arguments and remarks overcome all rejections and objections. All remaining claims (Claims 1-22) are neither anticipated nor obvious in view of the cited references. For at least the above-presented reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all remaining claims (Claims 1-22) are in condition for allowance.

The Examiner is urged to contact Applicants' undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present Application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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